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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, April 15, 2004 Meeting
6:00 p.m.

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 374A

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

John Hybarger, Chairperson
Sandra Aronberg, Vice Chair
Richard Alexander
Douglas Drummond
Brad Nuremberg

STAFF PRESENT

Martha Littlefield
Gene Romig
Peter Papadakis

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hybarger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 4, 2004 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Drummond, the Commission unanimously approved the March 4, 2004 minutes.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Staff reported the March 31, 2004 Fish and Game Propagation Fund balance of \$108,411.75 does not reflect encumbrances of \$12,380 (Steve Holl), \$2,500 (Second District's event), \$5,000 (Whittier Narrows' event) and \$8,890 (State Department of Fish and Game). This reflects an available balance of \$79,641.75.

On motion of Commissioner Nuremberg, seconded by Commissioner Drummond, the Commission unanimously accepted the financial report.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- Chairperson Hybarger distributed copies of fish and game related newspaper articles.
- The April 26, 2004 State Fish and Game Commission's meeting will discuss the adoption of the new mammal regulations including the restriction of aerial scouting.
- In May, the "Day of the Bird" is a major clean up day and he encouraged everyone's participation.
- Steve Holl's March 2004 Update and the Final Draft for the 'Implementation Strategy to Restore the San Gabriel Mountains Bighorn Sheep Population'. Concern about the Internet publication of the Implementation Strategy prior to its presentation to the stakeholders group by some volunteers and prior to its acceptance by the Commission was discussed. **On motion of Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously accepted Steve Holl's March 2004 report and the Implementation Strategy to Restore the San Gabriel Mountains Bighorn Sheep Population as a public document for presentation to the**

stakeholders' group.

- USDA Scenic Byway Meetings Proposal. Commissioners asked staff to schedule a representative to attend to answer questions on this issue and on the Department's Wilderness Plan.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS REGARDING FISH AND GAME RELATED EVENTS

Commissioner Nuremberg stated that \$400,000 was provided for the Steelhead Trout in Malibu Creek with the construction of a crossing bridge over one of the streams connecting to the creek.

GRANT REQUEST FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,848 TO PURCHASE GPS COLLARS FOR THE SAN GABRIEL BIGHORN SHEEP RESTORATION STRATEGY

On motion of Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved \$8,848 to purchase GPS collars for the San Gabriel Bighorn Sheep Restoration Strategy.

TWO GRANT REQUESTS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY 4TH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500 TO PURCHASE CATFISH TO STOCK CERRITOS LAKE FOR THE JUNE 12, 2004 'KNABE KATCH' FISHING DERBY EVENT AT THE CERRITOS REGIONAL PARK AND \$2,500 TO PURCHASE CATFISH TO STOCK LA MIRADA LAKE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2004 'KNABE KATCH' FISHING DERBY EVENT AT THE LA MIRADA PARK

Staff provided the presentation covering the history covering these events and the two upcoming events to introduce children in the Fourth District to the wonders of fishing and respect for the County's water resources. On motion of Commissioner Drummond, seconded by Commissioner Aronberg, the Commission unanimously approved a \$2,500 grant to purchase catfish to stock Cerritos Lake for the June 12, 2004 'Knabe Katch' Fishing Derby and a \$2,500 grant to purchase catfish to stock La Mirada Lake for the September 18, 2004 'Knabe Katch' Fishing Derby.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTER RECOMMENDING SUPPORT FOR THE FOOTHILL AREAS TO STRICTLY ENFORCE COUNTY CODE TITLE 10, CHAPTER 10.32 ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE

Issue deals with dogs in the Foothill areas. On motion of Commissioner Alexander, seconded by Commissioner Nuremberg, the Commission unanimously approved the draft Board of Supervisors' letter recommending support for the enforcement of County Code Title 10, Chapter 10.32.

PRESENTATION ON "HILLS FOR EVERYONE"

Item is scheduled for discussion at the July meeting.

PREPARATION FOR THE HOSTING THE MAY 2004 ANNUAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTHERN COUNTIES FISH AND GAME COMMISSIONS.

Staff brought the Commission up-to-date on the process of preparing for the May 14, 2004 conference:

- Commissioners, the other counties and other agencies were sent conference registration packets.
- The Director of the California Department of Fish and Game will try to attend along with Chuck Raysbrook and Patti Wolf.
- Fire Suppression Camp #2 was confirmed as the conference site.
- Canceling the conference, should the Director of the Department not attend was discussed and Commissioner Nuremberg recommended Chairperson Hybarger call the Director to secure

participation.

- Chairperson Hybarger recommended the Commission look at other alternatives in the event the Director is unable to attend.

MATTERS NOT POSTED (TO BE BRIEFLY DISCUSSED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)

Staff will try to locate previous Commission information regarding the reintroduction of the bald eagle to Catalina Island.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member of the public mentioned that other agencies could be invited to the conference rather than relying on the Department of Fish and Game for sole participation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.